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SUBJECT: Warning of War in Europe

A clear understanding of how the Soviets might choose to go to war in Europe and the attendant implications for warning of war is critical to current NATO efforts to optimize its deterrent posture. An NIE on this subject just started but will not be completed until late spring. (Necessary to develop several realistic scenarios, consider necessary Warsaw Pact actions under them in order to develop indicators which will lead to judgment on amount of warning likely.)